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SUBJECT: SPECULATION REGARDING MIZRACHI TRIP

1. SPECULATION AND COMMENT HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD IN ISRAELI MEDIA THE PAST TWO DAYS REGARDING A TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES BY ELI MIZRACHI, DIRECTOR OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THAT OFFICE APRIL 19 SAID THAT MIZRACHI HAD GONE TO THE UNITED STATES TO CONSULT WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ABOUT THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF PRSIDENT SADAT AND HIS CONCERN ABOUT GROWING COMMUNIST SUBVERSION AND ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. MANY COMMENTATORS HAVE EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT THIS WASH THE REAL REASON FOR THE TRIP AND CALIMED THAT MIZRACHI WAS ON A PERSONAL MISSION FOR PRIME MINISTER RABIN. (IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION APRIL 19 AMOS EIRNA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, TOLD THE CHARGE THIS WAS NOT THE CASE BUT WOULD SAY NOTHING FURTHER ABOUT THE MATTER.) SKEPTICS PONT TO THE FACT THAT AMBASSADOR DINITZ HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF MIZRACHI'S TRAVEL AND THAT THE LATTER
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WAS IN NEW YORK FOR TWO DAYS BEFORE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AS EVIDENCE THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRAVEL WAS NOT TO DISCUSS THE SADAT VISIT.

2. MIZRACHI IS A TRUSTED AND RESPECTED OFFICIAL, BUT IS A CIVIL SERVANT RATHER THAN A POLITICAL

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APPOINTEE. HE HAS BEEN IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SINCE THE DAYS OF BEN-GURION AND HAS SERVED AS OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR PRIME MINISTERS MEIR AND RABIN. WE WERE TOLD THAT HE WENT TO PERES THE DAY AFTER RABIN'S RESIGNATION AND OFFERED HIS SERVICES AND THAT PERES HAS TOLD HIM THAT HE WANTS HIM TO REMAIN AT LEAST FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. ACCORDING TO PERESS ACCOUNTS, PERES HAS TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS INFORMED OF MIZRACHI'S VISIT. HOWEVER, WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT ASHER BEN-NATAN, PERES' POLITICAL ADVISOR WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON WHEN THE STORY BROKE OF THE MIZRACHI VISIT, INDIGNANTLY PHONED ISRAEL TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON, AN INDICATION THAT AT LEAST HE HAD NOT BEEN CLUED IN. DUNNIGAN

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